

HOUSE No. 1926

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Christine E. Canavan

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act improving access to rehabilitation counseling.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
Bill Bowles	2nd Bristol
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester
David L. Flynn	8th Plymouth
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex
Joyce A. Spiliotis	12th Essex
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire
Danielle W. Gregoire	4th Middlesex
William N. Brownsberger	24th Middlesex
Linda Dean Campbell	15th Essex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1874 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT IMPROVING ACCESS TO REHABILITATION COUNSELING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 22 of Chapter 32A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the final paragraph and inserting in place thereof
3 the following paragraph:—

4 For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health professional” shall mean a licensed
5 physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed
6 independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse mental
7 health clinical specialist, or a licensed rehabilitation counselor.

8 SECTION 2. Section 47B of Chapter 175 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official
9 Edition, is hereby amended by striking the second to last paragraph and inserting in place thereof
10 the following paragraph:—

11 For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health professional” shall mean a licensed
12 physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed
13 independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse mental
14 health clinical specialist, or a licensed rehabilitation counselor.

15 SECTION 3. Section 8A of Chapter 176A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official
16 Edition, is hereby amended by striking the second to last paragraph and inserting in place thereof
17 the following paragraph:— For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health
18 professional” shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a
19 licensed psychologist, a licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health
20 counselor, a licensed nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed rehabilitation
21 counselor.

22 SECTION 4. Section 4A of Chapter 176B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official
23 Edition, is hereby amended by striking the second to last paragraph and inserting in place thereof

24 the following paragraph:— For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health
25 professional” shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a
26 licensed psychologist, a licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health
27 counselor, a licensed nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed rehabilitation
28 counselor.

29 SECTION 5. Section 4M of Chapter 176G of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004
30 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the second to last paragraph and inserting in
31 place thereof the following paragraph:— For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health
32 professional” shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a
33 licensed psychologist, a licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health
34 counselor, a licensed nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed rehabilitation
35 counselor.